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1. In addition to the fortification of Tungao Island (113- , 22-), the Chinese Communists are fortifying Kaolan Island (113-15, 21-55), which has a deep-water bay suitable for use as an anchorage. The Kwangtung headquarters of the Chinese Communist Navy has recently sent high naval officials and Soviet advisers to Kaolan.
2. In the same area, a group of about 100 marines from Whampoa, equipped with two cannon and four heavy machine guns, have been practicing landing tactics using two gunboats and several junks.
3. On 2 October 1950, two Chinese Communist gunboats named LIBERATION NO. 1 and LIBERATION NO. 2, formerly anchored at Wanchai (sic) across from Macao, moved to the Wanshan Islands.
4. In early October, eight gunboats which had been constructed at the Mawei Shipyard at Foochow were sailed to Hsiakang (sic), on the outskirts of Amoy. These boats have wooden frames covered with steel plates painted green. Their tonnage is between 100 and 150 tons each, and they have a speed of about 8 knots. They mount two "60-type" guns, one on each side of the hull, and a machine gun on the top of the superstructure.

* Comment. Possibly 60mm cannon.

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